

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-20 (canceled).

Claim 21 (Currently amended): A purified or isolated recombinant polypeptide comprising a secreted soluble $\alpha_2\delta$ -1 subunit polypeptide and a tag, wherein the amino acid sequence of said secreted soluble $\alpha_2\delta$ -1 polypeptide ~~is~~ consists of an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:15; SEQ ID NO:16; and SEQ ID NO: 17.

Claim 22 (Canceled).

Claim 23 (Currently amended): A purified or isolated recombinant polypeptide that is a soluble secreted $\alpha_2\delta$ -1 subunit polypeptide, wherein the amino acid sequence of said polypeptide is consists of an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:15; SEQ ID NO:16; and SEQ ID NO: 17.

Claim 24 (Canceled).

Claim 25 (Currently amended): A purified or isolated recombinant polypeptide that is a soluble secreted $\alpha_2\delta$ -1 subunit polypeptide, wherein the amino acid sequence of said polypeptide is consists of an amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:15.

Claim 26 (Currently amended): A purified or isolated recombinant polypeptide that is a soluble secreted $\alpha_2\delta$ -1 subunit polypeptide, wherein the amino acid sequence of said polypeptide is consists of an amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:16.

Claim 27 (Currently amended): A purified or isolated recombinant polypeptide that is a soluble secreted $\alpha_2\delta$ -1 subunit polypeptide, wherein the amino acid sequence of said polypeptide is consists of an amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:17.